

Maine Revised Statutes

**Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES HEADING: PL
1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)**

**Chapter 19: OPERATION HEADING: PL
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§2062. MOTORCYCLES

1. Seating. Seating on a motorcycle is as follows.

A. A person operating a motorcycle may ride only on the permanent and regular seat attached. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. More than 2 persons may not ride on a motorcycle. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. The number of passengers in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle may not exceed the number of permanent seats for which the sidecar has been designed, to a maximum of 2 persons. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

D. A passenger may only ride on permanent seating with no more than one passenger occupying each seat. [1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

2. Headlight. When the motorcycle is on a public way, the motorcycle's headlight must be on.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

3. Handlebars. A person may not operate on a public way a motorcycle equipped with handlebars whose handgrips are higher than the shoulder level of the operator.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

4. Lane use; motorcycles and mopeds. Lane use by motorcycles and mopeds is restricted as follows.

A. An operator of a motorcycle other than a moped may fully use a lane. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §41 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. More than 2 motorcycles may not be operated abreast within the same lane. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §41 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

C. A motor vehicle may not be driven in such a manner as to deprive a motorcycle of the full use of a lane. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §41 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

D. A moped may be operated only in single file and as far as practicable to the right side of the way at all times, except when making a left turn. [2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §41 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §41 (RPR); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF) .]

5. Passing. A motorcycle operator may not overtake or pass in the lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken, except for passing a bicycle or a roller skier. This subsection does not apply to a law enforcement officer performing an officer's duties.

[2009, c. 484, §4 (AMD) .]

6. Between lines. A person may not operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

7. Raising wheel. A person may not intentionally or knowingly raise the front wheel of a motorcycle off the surface when operating it on a public way or any place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated.

[1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

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